

3 MORE ARRESTS IN HALL MURDER WILL BE BASED ON PIG WOMAN'S STORY

Simpson Less Active; Witness Accuses Widow

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Three more persons today face arrest in the Hall-Mills murder inquiry, according to one of the investigators working on the case.

Warrants are expected to be issued after a conference between Assistant Attorney General Alexander Simpson, Inspector John Underwood and Chief Patrick Hayes this morning. The investigator who made this announcement predicted that two of the arrests would be made in New Brunswick. The third, which is quite uncertain, is expected in Somerville.

Although Mr. Simpson is theoretically in charge of the entire inquiry, he would not authorize any statement regarding the arrests to be made in his name. Since Monday, when an editorial satirizing his conduct of the case appeared in The GRAPHIC, Mr. Simpson has taken a minor role in the investigation, as far as the newspapers are concerned, at least.

The GRAPHIC Commended

The editorial in The GRAPHIC pointed out that Mr. Simpson was providing reporters with material for reams of glamorous copy



Alexander Simpson



Mrs. Francis S. Hall

which, after all, revealed nothing that had not been told at the first investigation four years ago. Newspaper men, editors and New Jersey officials who are watching Mr. Simpson's conduct of the case highly commended the editorial in The GRAPHIC.

Mr. Simpson's name has been noticeably less prominent in the reports of the Hall-Mills case since Monday. Whether he has limited his efforts because of the warning implied in The GRAPHIC's editorial could not be learned. Major Mark O. Kimberling of the state police and Somerset County Prosecutor Francis L. Bergen, whom Mr. Simpson superseded, seem to be more prominently identified with the case than before Mr.

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Walter Ward Drowned?



MR. AND MRS. WALTER S. WARD

Body Found in Hudson May Be That of Ward

NYACK, N. Y., Aug. 11.—The disappearance of Walter S. Ward took on a tragic form today when the body of a man, about 35, said to bear a resemblance to him, was found at Piermont Pier, Hudson River.

The corpse had been in the water but a few days. Near this same spot the body of 5-year-old Giuseppe Varoota, who was kidnapped and slain, was found several years ago.

The dead man was taken to an undertaker's establishment. Dr. J. William Giles, the coroner, is investigating.

The Missing Persons Bureau has been informed and attempts were made to notify the family of Ward.

The resemblances, it is said, are in the nose, eyes and bulging forehead.

Channel Sharks Menace Swimmers; Attempt Given Up

BOULOGNE-SUR-MER, France, Aug. 11.—Ishak Helmy of Egypt and George Michel of France were forced to give up the attempt to cross the Channel after several hours of swimming and a terrifying experience with sharks.

The men, who set out together from Cape Gris-Nez in foggy weather, were attended by the same tug, the Alsace. Helmy was overcome by illness after four hours and forty minutes, in which he swam nine and a half miles. After thirteen hours Michel became weak and, unable to stand the rough water, gave up his attempt five miles from the English coast.

About twenty sharks menaced the men at one time, causing them to draw close of the tug for protection. Poles and oars were used to disperse the big fish.

FREED IN AUTO DEATH

Rev. Herbert S. Smith of Barrytown, N. Y., was freed by Magistrate Charles A. Oberwager on a charge that his automobile had struck and killed Harry Moskowitz, 40, of 1290 Webster Ave., The Bronx.

Autos Crash Head-On; Five Sent to Hospital

Four men and one woman are in the Jewish Hospital, Brooklyn, seriously injured as a result of a collision between two automobiles in which they were riding last night at Sterling Place and Underhill Avenue.

Julio Marini, 1031 Pacific St., operator of a Chandler sedan in which John Cappeto, of the same address, his brother Carmine of 2417 Fulton St., and Madeline Nigro, also of 2417 Fulton St., escaped death, was driving south on Underhill Avenue, when he came into a head-on collision with a Jeffrey sedan, whose operator fled from the scene.

James Pitto, 997 Pacific St., and Alfonso Kupco, 56 Underhill Ave., occupants of the Jeffrey sedan, were the other victims.

Detective Slain With Own Pistol At Headquarters

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"Sure," replied the detective as he smoothed out the pages of the official blotter.

Pearce stepped to the cooler, got his drink and, as he was returning, he stepped forward with panther-like swiftness, leaped toward the detective and snatched Singer's revolver from his holster, which was exposed by the folds of his coat.

Pearce Fires

"Watch out!" cried Kuku, who was too far away to interfere.

But before Kuku cried his words of warning Pearce pulled the trigger and fired the entire contents of the semi-automatic gun into the detective, who fell lifeless over the blotter in which he was about to enter his assailant's pedigree.

With the firing of the last shot Pearce dashed out of the room, ran down the corridor to a small flight of stairs, whirled through a revolving door and disappeared in the darkness, fleeing down Center Street.

Kuku ran into the room of the Truck Squad to the north shouting and yelling incoherently.

As the echo of the last shot reverberated through the building, Patrolman James O'Brien of the Missing Persons Bureau, at the extreme end of the building, ran into the room with revolver drawn while other patrolmen from the Bureau of Information followed in moment. The smoke of the desperado's gun was still floating in the air. The building was searched but no trace of Pearce was found.

Reserves Called Out

Captain Thomas Brennan, who was at the extreme north end of the building, ran out as did reporters on night duty in their offices in Center Market Place, just across the narrow thoroughfare. They found Singer dead and Kuku still shouting like a wildman.

Capt. Brennan called out the reserves of the Oak Street Precinct and a cordon was thrown about the neighborhood. A general alarm was sent out. The cordon

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New Love Hinted; Ben Bard Brings Divorce Action

Masked under his true name of Ben Greenburg, Ben Bard, the comedian, has filed suit for divorce against Martha Pryor, song and girl of vaudeville and the night clubs.

Bard is in Hollywood, having turned movie actor. In his petition, filed two weeks ago, he alleges that after ten years of marriage his wife deserted him. Small, as she is, the actress also is charged with cruelty. They were married in New Orleans in 1915.

Out in Hollywood they say that Bard wants to marry Ruth Roland. And so does Cliff Durant, millionaire auto racer, it is hinted. And so, too, does Robert Z. Leonard, former husband of Mae Murray.

Miss Pryor referred questioners to her attorney, who said the story is true.

Boats Misused, Charge in Suit

Allegations that the Commissioners of the Palisades Interstate Park have permitted the steamboats Clermont and Ontonagon, purchased for the use of the public with funds donated by the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial, to be used for private purposes by the McAllister Navigation Company have been made in a suit filed in the Supreme Court by the Delaware & Hudson Steamship Company, Inc., and the Iron Steamboat Company.

The plaintiffs asked for an injunction prohibiting the two vessels from being devoted to any other purpose than carrying the public to Bear Mountain.

Father Charges Man, 52, Stole His Wife and Child

Newark police today are holding Thomas Lakaski, 52, in \$10,000 bail charged with kidnaping a mother and her 14-year-old daughter.

THE WEATHER

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U. S. WEATHER FORECAST

LOCAL.—Partly cloudy and possibly showers; also slightly cooler today; fair tomorrow; fresh southwest winds.

EASTERN NEW YORK.—Partly cloudy and possibly showers today; slightly cooler in north and central portions; fair tomorrow; fresh southwest winds.

John Istowitz of 15 Merchant St., Newark, told authorities Lakaski had entered his home Wednesday night last and forced his wife and daughter to pack up their things, later driving them away in his car.

Holding the prisoner for the action of the Grand Jury, Police Judge Albano said:

"It would be a fine thing if a man were allowed to enter a house, take the wife away and leave children without her."

The prisoner has a wife and five children. He denies the charge. Mrs. Istowitz and her daughter are still missing.